PRIVATE LETTER BOXES A QURSE.

Used Chiefly by the Vicious and Immoral to Further Nefarious Schemes.

Goods Men in Their Search for Victims.

A Medium Through Which the Innocent Are Led to Well-Baited Traps.

War on the Pigeon Holes in Various Stores About Town Begun by Anthony Comstock.

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE JOURNAL.

Documentary Proof That Vice of Every Description Is Propagated by the Boxes-An Effort to Bring Them Under the Law.

A war is to be commenced against the private letter boxes that are found in drug stores throughout the city. It is claimed by Anthony Comstock, secretary of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, that nese boxes help criminals to conduct their usiness under allases, that they are inmiental in the propagation of all sorts of immorality and vice, and that through their medium, in combination with so-called "personal" advertisements in some the daily newspapers, a pernicious traffic continually being carried on.

Mr. Comstock has expressed his determination to fight for the abolition, or at least he State control of these private letter exces, but as yet he has not obtained suffi-tent evidence for their wholesale indictment. A representative of the Sunday Journal recently conducted investigations on a large and sweeping scale, which go far to prove that Mr. Comstock is justi-fied in his statement that private letter bed, in his statement that private letter boxes are exercising a pernicious effect. Ample evidence has been obtained that reques and crobks are renters of boxes and use them to further their nefarious pur-sults. The number of these letter boxes now rented, without question or reference, to anybody who chooses to apply for them, in many cases to minors, is remarkable. It has been found that there are over 3,000 sections making a counter husbness of results.

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An Aid to Bunco and Green variety of "Personal" advertisements of the usual character were inserted in the newspapers. The first of these read as fol-

NEW YORK CIGY LEADS IN SVICIDES.

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mitted in New York City last year than in any other city in the world. The list of suicides for the year comprises 458 victims, taken from all walks of life, and varying in age from children of less than fifteen years to men and women nearly ninety years old. This list is the largest on record in this city, although the percentage of suicides to the entire population is lower than on some pre-

Nearly every walk and cozy nook in Central Park has at one time or another been the scene of some suicide. A grim record of these events is kept at the Arsenal. It shows that over one hundred suicides have been committed in the Park during the past three years. At certain seasons of the year there is an average of more than one sulode a day within the Park limits. Few sulcides are committed out of doors in cold

The Canonization of Bismarck. In Europe the "Devil's Advocate" would

[Ram's Horn.]
Machinery, a monthly journal published at Jo-



ETTER BOXES SHOULD BE UNDER LEGAL SUPERVISION. "That criminals use private letter boxes is as certain as that they have aliases. Thieves, green goods men, procuresses, swindlers and all manner of evildoers find in them a way to cloak their wickedness."—ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

A preposessing miss, 18, wishes to meet a prepose and the property of the derived property of the property of the colored maid had invited the caller in without any scruple or ceremony, he was received by a petite little branette, and many sortuple or ceremony, he was received by a petite little branette, and many was not left one moment in doubt as to the meaning of the words, "object, matrimony."

The advertiser signing herself "Blonde" in his wrote:

New York City, Jan. 12, 1866.

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